

Press Release: Special Public Information Meeting April 30, 2014, at 7 P.M.
 To be Held at St. Mary's Hall, Scituate, MA

From: Scituate Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

The Scituate, Massachusetts Public Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has voted to hold a special public informational meeting to discuss the potential development of affordability-restricted housing at the Kent Street site. Ownership of the parcel was transferred to the Housing Authority by Town Meeting vote for the development of affordable housing many years ago. The Board now wishes to begin the process of determining what type of affordable housing would be appropriate to the site. In this regard, the Board is unanimous in the feeling that the first step of this process must be to consult with the neighbors of the proposed site. Furthermore, the Board has resolved to withhold any and all votes or decisions regarding the potential future development of the site until the neighbors have an opportunity to provide their input to the Board; prior to any formal local government review. Accordingly, the purpose of this first informational meeting will be for the Housing Authority team to describe the site, the site engineering done to date to prepare the Board and the community to consider land use options, and the legal status of the site and limitations on development that must guide any future development decisions.

To assist us in this presentation, the Board has invited Affordable Housing Development Consultant, Joe Armstrong, of Scituate. Joe's firm, Multifamily Capital Resources, Inc., provides private and public owners of affordable housing in their development planning. He has offered his services to our Board on a purely pro bono basis to assist the Authority in considering how the site may best be used to meet the community's affordable housing needs. For this reason, Mr. Armstrong has also recused himself and his company from any future participation in the development of the site and will continue to advise the Board in the future as we all consider options for development at this meeting and future informational meetings to be scheduled.

We hope as many citizens as possible may join us for this presentation and follow-up moderated discussion to discuss affordable housing development considerations for this Housing Authority-owned site. If there are any further questions, please contact Board Chairman, Stephen Coulter at [781-378-2222](tel:781-378-2222).